

My phone # is unlisted so I have received very few telemarketing calls in the past and have received none since participating in the Indiana No Call List. I have watched my parents go from being people who answer the phone every time it rings to people who screen their calls. Before the Indiana No Call List, they would receive several calls a day on Monday through Saturday from the same company, even if they told the callers that they were not interested with every call. It did not seem to matter what the time of day was. Many of these people seemed to think that my parents should have to stand there and listen to their sales pitches and buy the product. Many did not want to take "No" for an answer. My dad would not hang up on them as long as they were nice because they were just doing their jobs. He just stopped answering the phone. My mother thought that it was rude not to answer the phone until she had the experience of telling the callers several times that she was not interested but still could not get rid of them. It has been such a relief for them to be able to freely answer the phone.

I think that as consumers, we should have the right say that we do not want to be bothered with unsolicited calls from telemarketers. We should be able to go home at the end of the day to see our families and friends without being interrupted by someone trying to sell us something that we probably do not need or want. In this day of rampant identity theft, no one should be calling a consumer to sell him something and then ask him for personal and financial information. I feel that if FCC weakens Indiana's law, there will be even more interruptions during times that we should be able to live in peace. I, also, think that there will be more identify theft.